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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: JUNE 17 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 17, 1977:

1. FRENCH VIEW OF SOVIET AND VIETNAMESE ACTIVITIES IN LAOS

A FRENCH DIPLOMAT IN VIENTIANE REPORTS THAT 50,000 VIETNAMESE TROOPS REMAIN IN STATIC DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ALONG MAJOR LAOTIAN ROADS AND THE THAI-LAO BORDER, DESCRIBES SOVIET MILITARY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY, AND OFFERS THE FRENCH ANALYSIS OF SOVIET AND VIETNAMESE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES IN LAOS. (VIENTIANE 942, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. SOUTH LEBANON: RENEWED CLASHES POSSIBLE.

EMBASSY BEIRUT HAS LEARNED THAT A LEBANESE COMMANDER PLANS TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK AGAINST PALESTINIAN FORCES IN
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SOUTH LEBANON, AND NOTES REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES OF STEPPED-UP ARTILLERY FIRE AND INCREASED ISRAELI AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OVER THE REGION. (BEIRUT 2902, SECRET)

3. FRG DECLARATION ON NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY

FOREIGN OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAUTENSCHLAGER PROVIDED

AN ADVANCE COPY OF AN FRG DECLARATION ON NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY WHICH STATES THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THE FRG WILL NOT ISSUE ANY NEW AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE EXPORT OF REPROCESSING FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY. EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION (E.G. FRG-BRAZIL) WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. (BONN 10178, CONFIDENTIAL)

4. PAKISTAN: FOREIGN MINISTER QUESTIONS US DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS

FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ AHMED COMPLAINED TO CHARGE CONSTABLE OF "INSULTING THREATS" FROM THE US ON THE REPROCESSING ISSUE, AND A SERIES OF UNFRIENDLY ACTS --INCLUDING THE A-7 DECISION-- SINCE HIS AND BHUTTO'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE WHICH LEAVE THE SECRETARY'S PROTESTATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP IN DOUBT. (ISLAMABAD, 6244 CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

5. MOZAMBIQUE: MACHEL SCHEDULED TO MAKE IMPORTANT STATEMENT

RADIO MOZAMBIQUE REPORTED THAT MACHEL WILL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF WORLD INTEREST JUNE 18. SPECULATION IS THAT MACHEL'S STATEMENT WILL BE A RESPONSE TO THE LATEST RHODESIAN RAIDS INTO MOZAMBIQUE. (MAPUTO 793, CONFIDENTIAL)

6. INDIA: STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS STRENGTHEN DESAI GOVERNMENT

JANATA'S SWEEPING ELECTION VICTORY IN EIGHT OF TEN
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STATES IS SEEN AS A STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF THE DESAI GOVERNMENT'S POPULAR MANDATE. IT IS ALSO A FURTHER DEMORALIZING BLOW TO THE CONGRESS PARTY, WHICH STRENGTHENS THE HAND OF THOSE ANXIOUS TO OUST MRS. GHANDI FROM HER PARTY LEADERSHIP POSITION. (NEW DELHI 8743, CONFIDENTIAL)

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